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THE WEATHER TO-DAY—Cloudy.

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PRISON AND FINES

IF CHARGES HOLD

Grand Jury Returns Thirteen Indictments for Rebating.

DAN R. HANNA ONE OF THE ACCUSED

Four Railroads and Three Individuals Alleged to Have Entered Conspiracy to Violate Elkins Law—If Government Proves Case It May Collect Millions.

Cleveland, O., April 26.—Thirteen indictments on a total of 110 counts, charging four iron ore-carrying railroads entering Cleveland with rebating, and alleging that two of the railroads and three individuals were guilty of conspiracy to violate the Elkins law, were returned by the Federal grand jury here late to-night.

The indictments returned were:

Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad Company and the Angeline Dock Company, of Ashabula, O., conspiracy to violate the Elkins act, one count; same road, and the Mahoning and Shenango Dock Company, of Ashabula, same charge, one count; same road and the Union Dock Company, of Ashabula, same charge, one count; same road and the Ashabula Dock Company, same charge, one count; same road and Pittsburgh and Conneaut Dock Company, same charge, one count.

The Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad Company and the Pittsburgh and Conneaut Dock Company, same charge, one count.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company, charged with rebating, thirty-five counts.

The Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad Company, charged with rebating, twenty-eight counts.

The New York, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad Company, charged with rebating, six counts.

Dan A. Hanna, president, and R. L. Ireland, second vice-president, of the M. A. Hanna Company, and D. T. McCabe, of Pittsburgh, fourth vice-president of the Pennsylvania Company, were each indicted on one count.

The indictments charge that the Pennsylvania company has an alleged contract with the Hanna Company, whereby the Hanna Company is said to have received a subsidiary concern of the Ohio Western Pennsylvania Dock Company, a subsidiary concern of the Hanna Company, the dock company, which is included in the indictment, leases and operates docks owned by the Pennsylvania company at several Lake Erie ports.

The M. A. Hanna Company is one of the largest iron ore piers, coal and coke concerns in the country.

One of the exhibits before the grand jury shows the alleged payment to the Carnegie Steel Company of \$50,111.53 as a part of the earnings of the dock company.

District Attorney W. L. Day announced immediately following the filing of the report with United States Judge Killlets, of Toledo, that "large and important suits" would be begun immediately.

The cases are interstate commerce commission cases, brought to insure that published ore shipping rates are not lowered below the rates published to show that the indicted railroads owned docking facilities in Ashabula, O., and Conneaut, O., harbors, that these were operated by companies which were in effect "hired" by the railroads; that the railroads paid excessive rates to the docking companies for handling ore; and that the companies paid a portion of the money thus received to the shippers and that the whole constitutes a conspiracy in violation of the Elkins law.

May Collect Millions.

The penalty for rebating is a fine of not more than \$1,000 nor less than \$20,000, with imprisonment not to exceed two years. The penalty for conspiracy is not to exceed a fine of \$10,000 and imprisonment not to exceed two years. In addition, under the Elkins law, the government has the right to bring civil suits for treble the amount of money rebated. It would be possible, in case of conviction for the government, to collect many millions of dollars.

The investigation leading up to today's action of the grand jury was started several months ago. The case was brought to the Federal grand jury's attention three weeks ago.

District Attorney W. L. Day and his assistants, Attorney Joseph G. Fogg and J. S. Bachman; Attorney John H. McCombs; and Attorney J. A. G. Bader, for the Interstate Commerce Commission and Attorney J. A. G. Bader, for the Department of Justice, conducted the case. About forty witnesses were examined before the grand jury, including officials representing the railroads and ore companies from the Lake Erie country.

The government's next step will be the issuance of warrants for the parties named in the indictments.

WOMAN'S BODY FOUND

Story of Suicide.

Philadelphia, April 26.—With a vital nearby that contained carbolic acid, the body of Mrs. Mary Lamont, fifty-eight years old, wife of a prosperous farmer, whose place is near Philadelphia, was found in the afternoon in the woods on the outskirts of this city. The body was discovered by two young women who were taking their daily walk.

In Mrs. Lamont's clothing was found an unsigned note addressed to "My Precious One." Its text was not made public. In it Mrs. Lamont, it is understood, said she was melancholy and in ill health, and the police believe she had taken the carbolic acid.

She disappeared last Monday from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Chesley M. Hamilton, prominent in West Philadelphia society circles.

MEETING IN BRUSSELS

Private Interests Will Try to Settle Polish Controversy.

Washington, April 26.—The conference of the private interests involved in the Polish controversy between the United States and Germany, which is designed to settle the matter, will be held at Brussels on May 15, if the German government ratifies an agreement reached between the State Department and Count Bernstorff, the German ambassador.

Will Spent at Unwilling.

Washington, April 26.—President Taft, French Ambassador Jusserand and Secretary of State, the unwilling of the "Enfant terrible" of Arlington National Cemetery on May 22.

ANOTHER BIG MERGER

Cotton Mills Will Consolidate With Capital of \$3,000,000.

Greenville, S. C., April 26.—The Woodside Cotton Mills Company, with a capitalization of \$3,000,000, was formed today for the purpose of consolidating the Woodside Mills, of Greenville; the Fountain Inn Manufacturing Company; and the Simpsonville Cotton Mills, all of the county. The head offices of the new corporation will be located in Greenville, giving this city the distinction of being headquarters for three cotton mills. This character—the Parker Cotton Mills Company, capitalized at \$10,000,000; the Pelton Corporation, manufacturing with a capitalization of \$12,000,000; and the Woodside Company, with capitalization of \$3,000,000.

The three mills now merging in the Woodside Corporation are uniformly successful properties, being under the management of John T. J. D. and L. P. Woodside. A charter will be applied for at once.

RAILWAY PROJECTED

Building of Line on East Coast of Labrador Contemplated.

Halifax, N. S., April 26.—Plans for a railway line between Saguenay River and Cape Charles Bay, on the east coast of Labrador, which will save many hours in the transportation of mails from Liverpool to Chicago and other points in the West, are outlined in advices just received here from London.

Cape Charles Bay is open all the year around, and it is claimed that with fast steamers making the run from Liverpool to this port, the mails can be landed in Chicago thirty hours before they could even reach New York by present routes.

HORRIFIED BY DISCOVERY

Injured Lad Brought to Physician Proves to Be His Son.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 26.—Dr. Charles W. Eustace was sitting in his office late last night when two policemen walked in, carrying a boy who had been run down by an automobile. The doctor, who was approached to make an examination, recognized the lad as his seven-year-old son Charles.

Two men who were in the automobile at the time of the accident told the police that the lad darted across the street from the curb and stepped directly in front of their machine. The boy was knocked down and the wheels passed over his hips. His condition is serious.

SNOW AT VICKSBURG

First Time That City Ever Has Seen the "Beautiful."

Louisville, Ky., April 26.—Reports from the Gulf States from Florida to Louisiana indicate great damage has been done by a storm that reached hurricane proportions at Vicksburg. The city was still blowing hard to-night and was still blowing hard to-night.

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